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SUBJECT: ECE - SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR ALL-EUROPEAN CONGRESSES ON
ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT AND ENERGY - VIEWS OF SPAIN

REF: A) GENEVA 1362; B) GENEVA 1858

1. IN RECENT MEETINGS OF ECE, SPAIN HAS TAKEN POSITION THAT
WHILE ECE WAS APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR ANY ACTION ON SOVIET
PROPOSAL FOR ALL-EUROPEAN CONGRESSES ON ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT
AND ENERGY, DISCUSSION OF QUESTION WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE
ONCE RESULTS OF BELGRADE CSCE FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE AND SHAPE OF
FUTURE EUROPEAN COOPERATION (IN ALL AREAS) WERE KNOWN. SOVIET
REPS IN RECENT DAYS HAVE REPORTED ALLEGED SOFTENING IN
SPANISH POSITION.

2. SPANISH MISSION OFFICER INFORMED US MISSION OFFICER MARCH 23
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THAT SOVIET PROPOSAL WAS DISCUSSED WITH ECE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
STANOVNIK DURING VISIT BY STANOVNIK TO MADRID MARCH 7 - 10.
HE SAID STANOVNIK WAS INFORMED BY GOS THAT IT COULD FORESEE ECE
DECISION TO HOLD HIGH LEVEL MEETING ON ENVIRONMENT
WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF ECE. GOS FELT (AND STANOVNIK)
EMPHATICALLY AGREED) THAT SUCH MEETINGS IN TRANSPORT
AND ENERGY FIELDS WERE NOT CALLED FOR AT PRESENT TIME.

WHILE DECISION ON HOLDING HIGH LEVEL ENVIRONMENT MEETING
COULD BE TAKEN AT ECE 32ND SESSION, FINAL DECISION ON
EXACT LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION WOULD FOLLOW ENDORSEMENT
OF ECE ACTION AT BELGRADE AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, ECE SENIOR ADVISORS ON ENVIRONMENT PROBLEMS,
AND/OR SPECIAL EXPERT GROUP TO ECE 33RD SESSION ON GOALS OF
MEETING. GOS FELT THAT ANY LEVEL OF MEETING COULD BE HELD WITHIN
ECE FRAMEWORK BY MERELY CHANGING THE SIZE OF THE FRAME,
BUT LEVEL SHOULD BE DETERMINED BY TYPE OF RESULTS TO BE
ACHIEVED; E.G. DECISIONS, AGREEMENTS, OR CONVENTIONS.

3. SPANISH MISSION OFFICER SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE
SPAIN WOULD SEND WRITTEN COMMENTS ON SOVIET PROPOSAL TO
ECE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY UNDER PROVISIONS OF ECE DECISION
B(XXXI). (WE EXPRESSED HOPE THIS WOULD BE THE CASE.)
HE SAID THE FOJND EC LETTER TO STANOVNIK ON SUBJECT SOMEWHAT
NEGATIVE IN ITS COMPLETE REJECTION OF SOVIET APPROACH AND
ENDORSEMENT OF THAT OF STANOVNIK, BUT HE BELIEVED IT HELD
DOOR OPEN AND OFFERED GOOD BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION.

4. COMMENT: SPANISH SUPPORT FOR IDEA OF ENVIRONMENT
CONFERENCE WAS NOT FULLY ANTICIPATED IN VIEW OF SPANISH
EFFORT AT ECE 31ST SESSION FOR SPECIAL ATTENTION BY
ECE TO CSCE FOLLOW UP IN FIELD OF ENERGY. IT APPEARS,
HOWEVER, THAT IT IS THE WAY SPAIN SEES THE WIND BLOWING.
SPANISH MISSION OFFICER NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT ALL WINDS
IN EUROPE DO NOT BLOW IN SAME DIRECTION, AND HE SUGGESTED
CONVENTIONS ON LONG-RANGE TRANSPORT OF AIR POLLUTANTS AND
SPECIFICALLY EMISSION CONTROLS MIGHT BE CONDUCTED AT LEAST
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IN PORT ON A REGIONAL BASIS. THIS WOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF
THE SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF
SOUTHERN EUROPE AS WELL AS THE FACT THAT THE SMOG IN SPAIN
NEVER MOVES OFF THE PLAIN. SORENSON

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